



SHIP SHAPE DAY is an annual spring event to clean up litter and trash from community streets, playgrounds, and beaches, which takes place over a weekend. Organized by the Scituate Beautification Commission with the help of Sustainable Scituate and the cooperation of the Department of Public works and Scituate Police, the clean up is done by members of the community who spend as much time as they choose collecting trash on either Saturday or Sunday. Students earn Community Service credit for helping on Ship Shape Day.

Supplies are handed out in front of Town Hall on Saturday morning from 8:00-1:00. Bags and disposable gloves are provided and grabbing devices are available for a deposit, which is refunded when the device is returned. Safety vests are available for people who would like to have an extra margin of safety.

At this time volunteers choose where they will do a clean up, although flexibility about the location is greatly appreciated. Groups or families with preschoolers are given areas with fences or well away from traffic, such as playgrounds. It is recommended

that groups reserve in advance. Fenced game fields are another type of safe area for younger children to pick up litter; however, clean up must be performed around scheduled games.

We are committed to recycling as much of the litter collected as possible. Special orange recycle bags will be provided to volunteers who are willing to sort the recyclable material as they pick-up. Members of Sustainable Scituate will be on hand to explain which items should go in the orange bags and can address any questions about recycling in general.

Bags of collected litter and recycle can be left along the street or in parking lots near playgrounds and beaches where the DPW employees will pick them up, beginning Monday morning.

Our thanks to all who volunteer their time to make Scituate litter-free!

## **FAQ's**

*Who can participate in Ship Shape Day?*

Anyone who wants to rid the community of unsightly trash is welcome. We have preschool groups and scout groups, as well as families and individuals of all ages who volunteer every year.

*Do I have to finish the cleanup by 1:00 on Saturday?*

No, you can do it anytime, Saturday or Sunday. However, you can only get the special bags at Town Hall on Saturday between 8 – 1.

*Can I choose a clean up area ahead of time?*

Yes. Email us at [sbc@town.scituate.ma.us](mailto:sbc@town.scituate.ma.us).

*Can I earn Community Service credit for participating in Ship Shape Day?*

Yes.

*I want to organize some of my friends/neighbors to do a clean up. Can I pick up supplies for the group?*

Yes. It's helpful to let us know in advance where your group will be working. Email [sbc@town.scituate.ma.us](mailto:sbc@town.scituate.ma.us).

*We want to start early Saturday before traffic builds along our route. Can I get bags ahead of time?*

We will try to accommodate these requests. Email [sbc@town.scituate.ma.us](mailto:sbc@town.scituate.ma.us).

*Our street has no sidewalk and narrow shoulders. I want to pick up litter but worry about traffic.*

We offer high visibility vests and have support from Scituate Police to insure the safety of our volunteers. An Officer will accompany you to slow traffic if you request one. However, it is important to coordinate the time you will be doing your cleanup with the Police Department. To organize this, email us at [sbc@town.scituate.ma.us](mailto:sbc@town.scituate.ma.us).

*Why do I have to get special bags?*

Town employees will only pick up the special Ship Shape Day bags from the side of the street. They are either green or orange and have Ship Shape Day printed on them.

*Why are there two colors of bags?*

The orange bags are for recyclable materials that can be co-mingled at the Transfer Station: aluminum cans and foil, tin cans, aerosol cans, plastics marked #1-#7, styrofoam cups, plates and food containers and plastic cups, knives, forks and spoons. Green bags are for all other litter, which will be incinerated.

*Do I have to use an orange bag?*

We encourage everyone to sort out the recyclable materials as they pick up litter, because recycling is better for the environment.

However, if you don't want to do this we ask that you do not take an orange bag. Putting materials that are not appropriate for co-mingling into orange bags is harmful.

*Glass and newspapers are recyclable. Why can't they be put into orange bags?*

These items are recycled separately; they cannot be co-mingled with aluminum, tin, plastics and styrofoam. They should be put into a green bag.

*Can I keep deposit cans and bottles?*

Yes, definitely. This is another good way to recycle.

*What should I do with large debris that is too big to put into a bag?*

Large items should be pulled out to a street or, at beaches, to a parking area where they are accessible for pick up by Town trucks. If possible, they should be placed together with filled Ship Shape Day bags.

If you have any other questions, please email [sbc@town.scituate.ma.us](mailto:sbc@town.scituate.ma.us).

The SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION thanks you for your support of our community cleanup.